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## **ANOTHER TRY**

#### BP BEGINS PUMPING MUD INTO OIL WELL IN LATEST ATTEMPT TO PLUG GUSHER

#### **Associated Press**

**COVINGTON, La.** BP started pumping heavy mud into the leaking Gulf of Mexico well Wednesday and said everything was going as planned in the company's boldest attempt yet to plug the gusher that has spewed millions of gallons of oil during the past five weeks.

BP hoped the mud could overpower the steady stream of oil, but chief executive Tony Hayward said it would be at least 24 hours before officials know whether the attempt has been successful. The company eventually wants to inject cement into the well.

"I'm sure many of you have been watching the plume," Hayward said from Houston. "All I can say is it is unlikely to give us any real indication of what is going on. Either increases or decreases are not an indicator of either success or failure at this time."

The stakes are high. Fishermen, hotel and restaurant owners, politicians and residents along the coast are fed up with BP's so far ineffective attempts to stop the oil leak that sprang after an offshore drilling rig exploded April 20. Eleven workers were killed,



An image from a live video feed on the **bp.com** website early Wednesday.

and by the most conservative estimate, 7 million gallons of crude have spilled into the Gulf, fouling Louisiana's marshes and coating birds and other wildlife.

"We're doing everything we can to bring it to closure, and actually we're executing this top kill job as efficiently and effectively as we can," BP Chief Operating Officer Doug Suttles said Wednesday night. The top kill has worked above ground but has never before been tried 5,000 feet beneath the sea. Company officials peg its chance of success at 60 percent to 70 percent.

President Obama said "there's no guarantees" it will work. The president planned a trip to Louisiana for Friday.

"We're going to bring every resource necessary to put a stop to this thing," he said.

"The absence of any news is good news," said Coast Guard Adm. Thad Allen, who is overseeing the operation. He added: "It's a wait-and-see game here right now, so far nothing unfavorable."

A live video stream Wednesday showed pictures of the blowout preventer, as well as the oil gushing out. At other times, the feed showed mud spewing out, but BP said this was not cause for alarm.

Meanwhile, witness statements obtained by The Associated Press show senior managers complained BP was "taking shortcuts" the day of the explosion by replacing heavy drilling fluid with saltwater in the well that blew out.

#### OTHER DEVELOPMENTS

- » At a hearing in New Orleans on Wednesday, Douglas Brown, the Deepwater Horizon rig's chief mechanic, testified about what he described as a "skirmish" between someone he called the "company man" -a BP official-and three other employees during a meeting the day of the explosion. Brown said he didn't pay particular attention to what they were discussing because it did not involve his engine room duties. He later said he did not know the BP official's name. "The driller outlined what would be taking place, but the company man stood up and said, 'We'll be having some changes to that," 'Brown testified. He said the three other workers initially disagreed but "the company man said 'This is how it's going to be."
- » Louisiana Gov.
  Bobby Jindal and
  Plaquemines Parish
  President Billy
  Nungesser, both outspoken critics, led a
  boat tour Wednesday
  around the oil-fouled
  delta near the mouth
  of the Mississippi
  River. About 100 miles
  of Louisiana coastline
  have been hit by the
  oil, the Coast Guard
  said.
- » President Obama said the "heartbreaking" oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico underscores the urgent need for alternative fuel sources to feed the U.S.' energy needs.
- » Dramatic rate cuts are luring visitors to Gulf Coast resorts despite the oil spill, which threatens beaches and salt marshes from Texas to Florida. AP

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#### **MORE MARK**

Mark Bazer hosts "The Interview Show" at 6:30 p.m. June 4 at the Hideout, 1354 W. Wabansia Ave.; \$5. His auests include Chicago chef Charlie Trotter.

#### Not even nostalgia is reliable anymore

Can we trust our childhood memories? Or to better and more eloquently phrase the question: Has Chuck E. Cheese always sucked?

I visited Mr. Cheese last week. Word of the place "where a kid can be a kid" had somehow reached my 4-year-old son, and because I felt bad that he spends all of his waking hours doing such unkid-like things as going to the playground, watching cartoons and getting everything he wants, I agreed it was finally time to take him there and let him have a childhood.

The truth is, I couldn't have been more excited myself. The prospect of playing Skee-Ball had me feeling giddy all day—though I

tempered my enthusiasm with concern that my son and other 4-year-olds would make noise, bump into me midroll and otherwise disrespect the game.

It turns out it wasn't the kids I should have been worried about—it was Chuck E. Cheese himself. (I defy you to find a more dramatic sentence in this paper today.)

The place was missing a few things I remembered fondly from my youth. Like a puck for the air-hockey game. And basketballs in one of the Pop-a-Shots. And moles in the Whac-a-Mole game who still cared about their jobs.

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"Hold on, what happened to all the wonderful animatronic productions? Is that it?" I asked the woman at the counter, motioning to the stage where Chuck and his lethargic band were situated next to a large-screen TV. The woman looked at me like I was crazy.

"You're crazy," my wife said.

"I'm crazy? I'm not the one who feels the need to assure people on my website that my pizza contains '100-percent real cheese.'

"My word, would you stop?" my wife exclaimed. "Look at your son. He—the reason we are here—is having the time of his life."

And he was. At least until he found out his 200 Skee-Ball tickets earned him only a rubber frog.

But this column, contrary to the first 10 paragraphs and, er, the final two to follow, isn't about Chuck E. Cheese and how lousy it is. Lord knows I'll probably find myself there again next week.

Rather, to go back to the first sentence, it's about whether we can trust our childhood memories. A lot of things have gone down in quality over the years. Is that what happened with Chuck E. Cheese, or did it never have any quality to go down from?

Is nostalgia bound to disappoint, or are today's kids getting the short end of the stick? And which option is worse? Either way, years from now, if I have grandkids, I know one place I'm never taking



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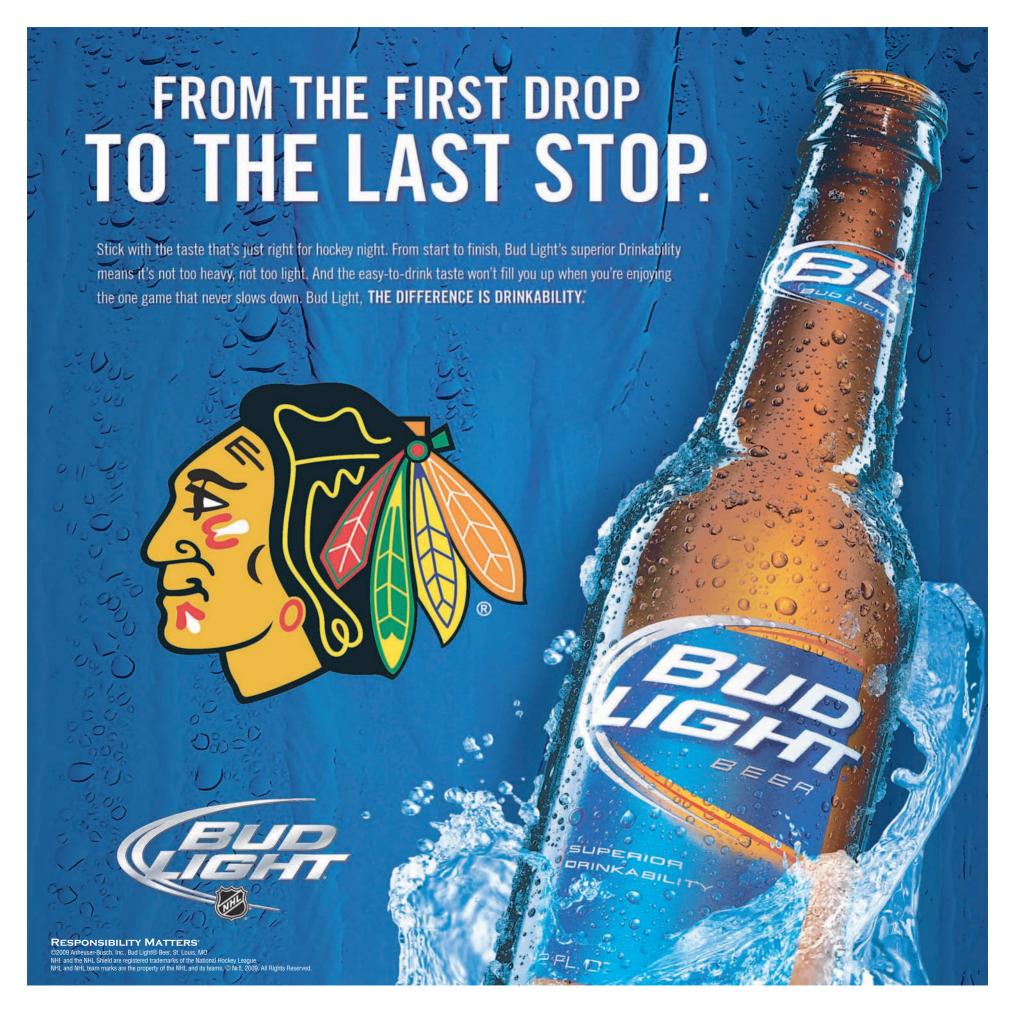
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#### **NEW BOOZE**

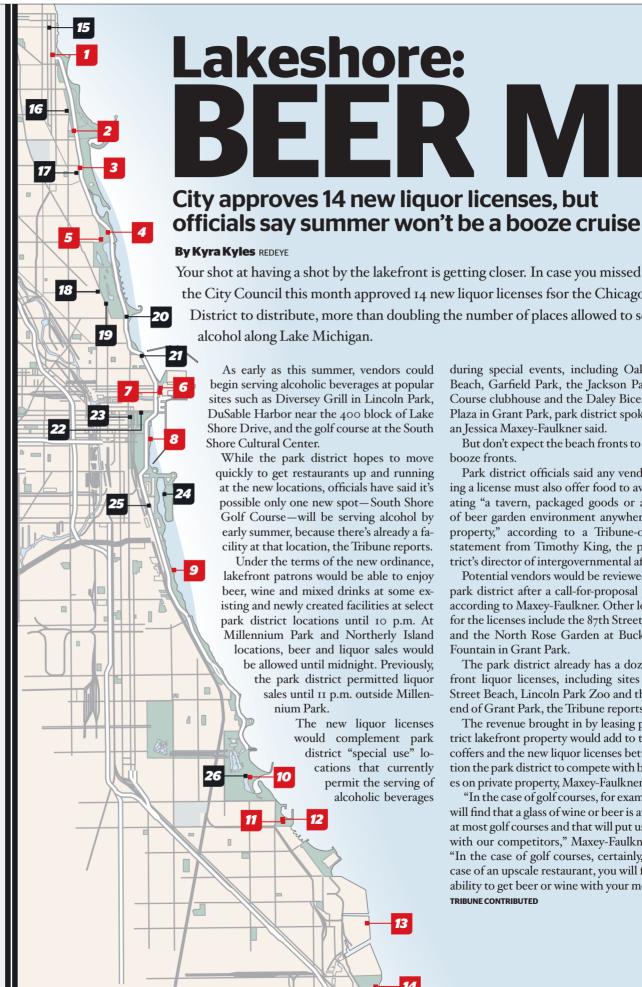
Pour out a little liquor by the lakefront. With the passage of a new ordinance, here are the lakefront spots where you could be able to sip as early as this summer, according to park district spokeswoman Jessica Maxev-Faulkner, Facilities will be built, where needed, to accommodate an ordinance requirement that vendors also sell food with the booze.

- **Osterman Beach House** West Hollywood Avenue and North Lake Shore Drive
- **Montrose Beach House** 4400 N. Lake Shore Drive
- Waveland Clock Tower 3700 N. Recreation Drive
- 4. Diversey Driving Range 141 W. Diversey Parkway
- **Diversey Grill** 248 W. Diversey Parkway
- 6. Ohio Street Beach 400 N. Lake Shore Drive
- 7. DuSable Harbor 401 N. Lake Shore Drive
- 8. North Rose Garden at Buckingham Fountain 500 S. Lake Shore Drive
- **31st Street Boat House** 3100 South 31st Street
- 10. 63rd Street Beach House 63rd Street and Lake Shore Drive
- 11. South Shore Golf Course 7059 S. South Shore Drive
- 12. South Shore Cultural Center 7059 S. South Shore Drive
- 13. 87th Street Harbor 87th and the Lake
- 14. Calumet Beach House

#### **EXISTING SPOTS**

The 14 new liquor licenses will allow upcoming facilities to join a dozen other park district-owned locations that also allow liquor, mainly for "special-use" events. Here's a list of current lakefront liquor-friendly spots, according to the ordinance:

- 15. Berger Park 6205 N. Sheridan Road
- 16. Sydney R. Marovitz Golf Course 3600 N. Recreation Drive
- 17. Theater on the Lake 2401 N. Lake Shore Drive
- 18. Lincoln Park Zoo 2001 N. Clark St.
- 19. Lincoln Park (South Field House) 1800 N Stockton Drive
- 20. North Ave. Beach (Castaways) 1603 N. Lake Shore Drive
- 21. Oak Street Beach 1000 N. Lake Shore Drive
- 22. Grant Park at the Daley Bicentennial Plaza 337 E. Randolph St.
- 23. Millennium Park (Park Grill) 11 N. Michigan Ave.
- 24. Northerly Island 1400 S. Lynn White Drive
- **25.** Burnham Harbor 1559 S. Lake Shore Drive
- 26. Jackson Park Golf Course clubhouse 6401 S. Richards Drive



Your shot at having a shot by the lakefront is getting closer. In case you missed it, the City Council this month approved 14 new liquor licenses fsor the Chicago Park District to distribute, more than doubling the number of places allowed to sell

> during special events, including Oak Street Beach, Garfield Park, the Jackson Park Golf Course clubhouse and the Daley Bicentennial Plaza in Grant Park, park district spokeswoman Jessica Maxey-Faulkner said.

> But don't expect the beach fronts to become booze fronts.

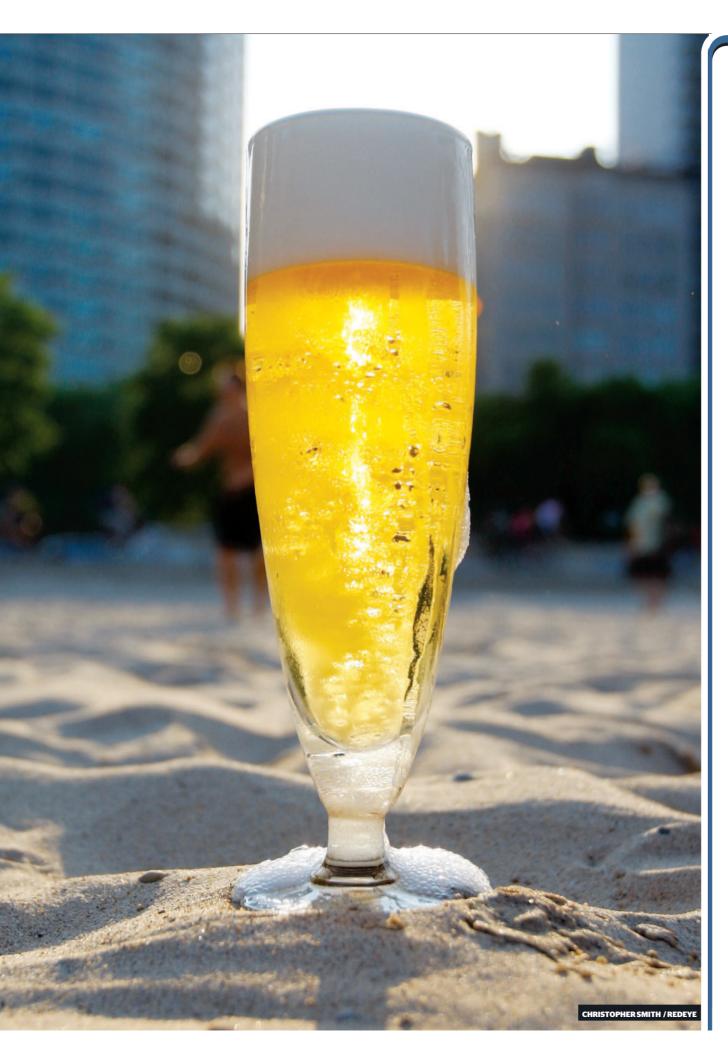
> Park district officials said any vendor seeking a license must also offer food to avoid creating "a tavern, packaged goods or any sort of beer garden environment anywhere on its property," according to a Tribune-obtained statement from Timothy King, the park district's director of intergovernmental affairs.

> Potential vendors would be reviewed by the park district after a call-for-proposal process, according to Maxey-Faulkner. Other locations for the licenses include the 87th Street Harbor and the North Rose Garden at Buckingham Fountain in Grant Park.

> The park district already has a dozen lakefront liquor licenses, including sites at Oak Street Beach, Lincoln Park Zoo and the south end of Grant Park, the Tribune reports.

> The revenue brought in by leasing park district lakefront property would add to the city's coffers and the new liquor licenses better position the park district to compete with businesses on private property, Maxey-Faulkner said.

> "In the case of golf courses, for example, you will find that a glass of wine or beer is available at most golf courses and that will put us on par with our competitors," Maxey-Faulkner said. "In the case of golf courses, certainly, and in case of an upscale restaurant, you will find the ability to get beer or wine with your meal." TRIBUNE CONTRIBUTED



### It's a long way to a liquor license



Getting a liquor license in Chicago is no simple task. I'm reminded of that every day as a reporter who covers the opening of new bars and clubs.

A liquor license, distributed through the city's department of business affairs and consumer protection, allows

an establishment to serve beer, wine and spirits to the public. Snagging one requires more than just filling out an application and paying a fee (\$4,440 for a two-year term, in the case of most licenses).

There's the submission of supporting paperwork for the business, from floor plans to proof of insurance to bank statements. And then fingerprinting and criminal background checks for anyone with 5 percent or more ownership in the business to ensure permit-holders are law-abiding. Liquor license applicants also need to give notice to all voters within 250 feet of the business, allowing 45 days for neighbors to voice their support or protest.

Where a business is located also may affect whether the owner can secure a license, according to Liquor Control Commissioner Gregory Steadman. Certain voting precincts (such as the 27th precinct of the 44th Ward in Lincoln Park or the 42nd precinct of the 32nd Ward in Roscoe Village) have been voted dry through a local option referendum. Aldermen can issue moratoriums on certain blocks within their wards to keep new liquor stores or bars from opening. And businesses can't sell liquor within 100 feet of a school, church, library or hospital. BYOB restaurants, on the other hand, don't need an additional license to permit customers to tote in their own booze.

Late-hour liquor licenses that allow establishments to serve till 4 a.m. or 5 a.m. are especially rare because they require owners to clear an extra hurdle: Fifty-one percent of voters living within 500 feet of the place must sign a petition in favor of booze being served till the early hours of the morning in their neighborhood.

Once a liquor license application is accepted by the department, the city has 60 days to approve or deny, Steadman says. When a new bar or restaurant hasn't opened because owners are still "waiting for their license," the delay could be caused by any number of things: backlash from neighbors, inspection failures or even an unpaid parking ticket—any trace of city debt prevents a license from being issued. If the commission denies a business a license and the owners decide to appeal, the court process can stretch for months or even years.

Long story short: Getting that golden ticket is no walk in the park.  $\verb|Lmarnett@atribune.com|$ 





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## **Bottleneck city**

#### 3 of most congested trucking corridors are in Chicago, report says

#### **Chicago Tribune**

Chicago has the worst truck-traffic congestion in the United States, according to a new study issued Wednesday.

The Federal Highway Administration released a roster of 100 locations for the most severe trucking bottlenecks, and three of the 10 most congested corridors are in Chicago, including the top two.

No. 1 on the list is the junction between the Eisenhower Expressway (Interstate 290) and the Kennedy and Dan Ryan Expressways (Interstate 90/94) in downtown known as the Circle Interchange.

The average speed in this highway corridor is only 30 mph, and it dips to an average of 23 mph during rush periods, according to the study, which the Federal Highway Administration conducted with the American Transportation Research Institute, a trucking industry group. The findings are based on 2009 data.

In the No. 2 spot nationally is the Kennedy Expressway junction with the Edens Expressway (Interstate 94) on the North Side, where the average speed during rush periods is also 23 mph, increasing to an average of 39 mph during off-peak hours, despite a 55 mph speed limit.

The Dan Ryan Expressway where it meets up with the Bishop Ford Freeway ranked No. 9 in the study. Traffic speeds averaged 47 mph overall, 38 mph during peak travel periods and 50 mph during non-rush hours, the study found.

The results certainly are no surprise to drivers in the Chicago area. But the research is intended to educate trucking companies so they can better plan their delivery routes and schedules to avoid the worst of the traffic crunch or at least mitigate the problem, officials said.

"Planning is key," said Nancy Singer, a spokeswoman at the Federal Highway Administration. "One of the frustrations of congestion is the not knowing-and it costs money to shippers."

But a Midwest trucking executive said the money spent on the study would have been better used to identify arterial roads where trucks get mired in traffic and add to gridlock.

## 80-year-old shoots, kills intruder

#### Chicago Tribune

As an 80-year-old Army veteran, his wife and great-grandson slept in their Humboldt Park home just before dawn Wednesday, an intruder shot out a window, police and family said. But the homeowner, who had a handgun of his own, fired a single shot, killing the intruder, a police source

"He missed; my daddy didn't," said the 80-year-old's son, Butch Gant, who lives upstairs in the two-flat in the 600 block of North Sawyer Avenue.

The victim's family said that if the man hadn't been armed, the frightening encounter could have ended in their deaths.

"He saved our lives," said the man's wife, 83, who had been asleep with her husband, whom police won't name, when the noise of shattered glass awakened the family.

Police let the Korean War veteran go without filing immediate charges because he appeared to act in self-defense, according to police sources.

The intruder was later identified by his family as Anthony Nelson, 29, who had been on parole since December following a three-year prison sentence for a drug conviction, according to county and state records.

#### **OPRAH TRACKER**

» Oprah Winfrey's charity, The Angel Network, is shutting down as her talk show draws to a close. The network stopped accepting donations this week and said on its website that it plans to dissolve as soon as its remaining funds are disbursed. AP » Winfrey plans to open a mini Oprah Store

at Water Tower Place in Chicago on Thursday. The 138-squarefoot shop-an upscale kiosk Harpo Retail calls a microsalon-marks the second retail outpost for Winfrey and could signal broader retail ambitions, the other being at 37 N. Carpenter St., across from her West Side studio. TRIBUNE



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#### Park movies are back

The Chicago Park District's Movies in the Park series, which kicks off June 18, features 170 flicks in parks throughout the city. "Goonies," "The Blind Side" and "Where the Wild Things Are" are just a few of the free movie screenings, which all start at dusk. Check out **chicagopark district.com** for a complete list of movies and locations.

#### **Blago files for delay**

Lawyers for former Gov. Rod Blagojevich are trying again to delay his public corruption trial, this time alleging that U.S. District Judge James Zagel has not properly handled jury selection. In a motion filed late Tuesday, the lawyers said Zagel has been dismissing members of a large jury pool without the lawyers getting to hear or understand why the prospective jurors cannot serve.

#### Metra ups oversight

Metra's board of directors
Wednesday acted to strengthen
their oversight over the agency,
moving to hire an inspector general and an outside auditor, both
posts intended to act as watchdogs
over the agency. The board also
began the search for a new executive director to replace Phil Pagano,
who committed suicide May 7 after
disclosure of financial irregularities
on his part.

#### Toyota sign vote June 9

The Cubs have agreed to a fouryear moratorium on additional advertising signs that would rise above the Wrigley Field bleachers to gain city approval of its proposed Toyota outfield sign. The City Council's Buildings Committee on Tuesday unanimously approved the Cubs' permit for the Toyota sign, which now moves to the City Council for a vote June 9.

#### **Amtrak adding security**

Some passengers boarding Amtrak trains at Union Station in Chicago will face random screening of their carry-on bags starting Thursday, officials said. The new security measure, which will involve Amtrak police swabbing carry-on items to detect explosives, is not in response to any new threat, Amtrak spokesman Marc Magliari said. It represents an expansion of precautions that have been implemented on other Amtrak corridors.



Downtown Hyatt Regency workers briefly walked out Wednesday. JOSEM. OSORIO/TRIBUNE

## Hyatt workers briefly walk out

Henry Tamarin, president of Unite Here Local I, stood on the steps of the Stetson's Chop House on Wednesday morning and told Hyatt Regency workers they would return to work for now, but to hold on to their picket signs just in case.

"We are in the midst of a struggle that we are not going to solve in a few hours this morning," Tamarin said through a megaphone.

More than 300 workers at the Hyatt Regency in downtown Chicago walked off the job earlier Wednesday in a spontaneous work stoppage, saying the hotel's management barred union representatives from entering the building for more than a week. Tamarin said hotel management has refused to deal with the union, and another union representative said the union's demands have not been met. More demonstrations are planned for the future and negotiations are continuing.

Guests received a letter under their doors Wednesday, informing them that the walk-out would affect some hotel amenities, including full-service housekeeping. In a letter to hotel guests, Hyatt Regency management wrote, "We are disappointed that the union, rather than continuing to negotiate during the worst economic crisis in a generation, has engaged in a work stoppage at our hotel."

#### Standoff ends in shooting

A man who barricaded himself in the second-floor apartment of an Englewood two-flat was shot by police Wednesday after a standoff of about five hours that started with U.S. Marshals and Chicago police investigating escalating threats against the man's former employer, police said.

The police Crisis Intervention Team and U.S. Marshals went to a home in the 6400 block of South Bishop Street about 9:30 a.m. to investigate "an escalating series of threats" related to the man's former employer, according to a police statement. It was not believed anyone was in the apartment with him, police said.

When police arrived, the man threatened police with a large knife, then barricaded himself in his bedroom, according to the statement. A Chicago SWAT team was called in, and after negotiations failed to bring the man out, police first used pepper spray and then a Taser on the man, who still was armed with the knife, police said.

The man then lunged at police with the knife and was shot, according to the statement. Officers fired shots and injured the man about 2:45 p.m., according to police News Affairs. He was taken to Stroger Hospital, according to police.

Police initially had said the man appeared to be mentally unstable.

Investigators from the Independent Police Review Authority were investigating, a spokesman for the agency said.



**By Tracy Swartz** | REDEYE Multiple homicides were recorded in South Shore and Chatham in the past week, a RedEye analysis of police data found.

Three men between the ages of 24 and 30 were shot to death Tuesday in the 7600 block of South Coles Avenue in South Shore, according to information from the Cook County Medical Examiner's Office. It was the second triple homicide case this month.

Meanwhile in Chatham, a 30-year-old Chicago police officer was shot to death last week in the 8400 block of South King Drive, police said. A 20-year-old man was shot there in the same incident, police said.

Citywide, there were also gunshot deaths in Auburn Gresham, Englewood, Grand Boulevard, Humboldt Park and Washington Park in the last week. Fatal stabbings occurred Sunday in Austin and Monday in West Garfield Park. In Rogers Park, a 41-year-old man was found beaten to death last week.

Citywide, 38 homicides have been recorded so far in May. TSWARTZ@TRIBUNE.COM

Homicides from May 19 to 4 p.m. Wednesday (Note: The Coles Avenue location had three victims and the King Drive location had two victims. All the other locations had one victim.)

- 8400 BLOCK OF S. KING DR. Date: May 19 Cause: Gunshot
- 7900 BLOCK OF S. PEORIA ST. Date: May 19 Cause: Gunshot
- 5600 BLOCK OF S. SANGAMON ST. Date: May 20 Cause: Gunshot
- 7400 BLOCK OF N. MARSHFIELD AVE. Date: May 20 Cause: Trauma
- 5000 BLOCK OF W. AUGUSTA BLVD. Date: May 23 Cause: Stabbing
- 5800 BLOCK OF S. RUSSELL DRIVE Date: May 23 Cause: Gunshot
- 300 BLOCK OF N. KOSTNER AVE. Date: May 24 Cause: Stabbing
- 4100 BLOCK OF S. INDIANA AVE. Date: May 24 Cause: Gunshot
- 7600 BLOCK OF S. COLES AVE. Date: May 25 Cause: Gunshot
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# **Salute to Liberty**

Marines and sailors line the deck of the USS Iwo Jima on Wednesday as it passes the Statue of Liberty en route to Fleet Week festivities in New York. AP PHOTO

## Interracial marriage growth loses steam

**WASHINGTON** Melting pot or racial divide? The growth of interracial marriages is slowing among U.S.-born Hispanics and Asians. Still, blacks are substantially more likely than before to marry whites.

The number of interracial marriages in the U.S. has risen 20 percent since 2000 to about 4.5 million, according to the latest census figures. While still growing, that number is a marked drop-off from the 65 percent increase between 1990 and 2000.

About 8 percent of U.S. marriages are mixed race, up from 7 percent in 2000.

The latest trend belies notions of the U.S. as a postracial, assimilated society. Demographers cite a steady flow of recent immigration that has given Hispanics and Asians more ethnically-similar partners to choose while creating some social distance from whites due to cultural differences and foreign language.

White wariness toward a rapidly growing U.S. minority population also may be contributing to racial divisions, experts said.

#### **BY THE NUMBERS**

Census numbers showed Hawaii had the country's highest share of mixed marriages, at about 32 percent. It was followed by Alaska, Oklahoma, New Mexico and Nevada, which ranged from 15 percent to 19 percent. The bottom five states were Pennsylvania, Maine, Kentucky, Mississippi and West Virginia, each between 3 percent to 4 percent.

"Racial boundaries are not going to disappear anytime soon," said Daniel Lichter, a professor of sociology and public policy at Cornell University. He noted the increase in anti-immigrant sentiment in the U.S. after the Sept. 11, 2001, terror attacks as well as current tensions in Arizona due to its new immigration law.

"With a white backlash toward immigrant groups, some immigrants are more likely to turn inward to each other for support," Lichter said.

#### **Facebook** modifies privacy controls

Facebook is simplifying its privacy controls, CEO Mark Zuckerberg said at a news conference Wednesday in New York. The company is making it easier for users to decline the feature that tailors other websites to users' Facebook profiles, among other things.

#### **Jamaican** clashes subside

Jamaican security forces claimed a tenuous hold over the slum stronghold of a gang leader sought by the U.S., but only after battles that killed at least 44 civilians, the country's official ombudsman said Wednesday.

#### Cancun mayor arrested

Mexican federal police arrested the mayor of the resort city of Cancun on Tuesday on drug trafficking, money laundering and organized crime charges, a new blow to an election season already marred by violence and allegations of drug cartel involvement.



#### 'There was a carpet of frogs'

Greek officials say a horde of frogs forced the closure of a key northern highway Wednesday for two hours. Thessaloniki traffic police chief Giorgos Thanoglou says "millions" of the amphibians covered the tarmac. "There was a carpet of frogs," he said. ар рното



Activists scuffle with police Wednesday in Seoul during a rally against North Korea. South Korea has vowed to punish North Korea after accusing the country of sinking one of its military vessels. **GETTY IMAGES** 

#### THE DIGIT

Britain offered its first accounting of its nuclear arsenal Wednesday, revealing that it has a stockpile of 225 warheads in a move that offers transparency to non-nuclear states in hopes of winning stricter global controls on the spread of atomic

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## The new Danicas?

#### Trio of women join Patrick in the Indianapolis 500 lineup

#### RedEve

Has Danica Patrick worn out her welcome? More so than usual, that is?

If the booing the 28-year-old Patrick received after qualifying for the Indianapolis 500 last weekend is any indication, she has. The Roscoe, Ill., native qualified a career-worst 23rd

at Indy, then blamed her team for her disappointing effort. "It's not my fault," she said. "The car is not good."

If race fans, or casual observers, need a new female driver to root for, there are three others in the field. That makes it a record four women in the 33-car lineup. Here are the women not named Danica.



Ana Beatriz No. 25

Indianapolis 500.'

Age: 25 Hometown: Sao Paulo, Brazil Starting position: 21st Qualifying speed: 224.243 mph Twitter: @anabeatriz\_bia » "I'm very excited to be back in an IZOD IndyCar with Dreyer & Reinbold

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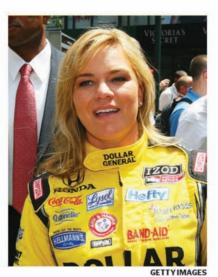
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Simona De Silvestro No. 78 Age: 21

Hometown: Thun, Switzerland Starting position: 22nd Qualifying speed: 224.228 mph Twitter: @simdesilvestro

» "It's an honor to be part of this historical race."



Sarah Fisher No. 67

Age: 29

Hometown: Commercial Point, Ohio Starting position: 29th Qualifying speed: 224.434 mph

Twitter: @SarahFisher67 » "Being the fastest female in the field shows where the Dollar General team has come since the start of [last] week."

## Philadelphia: The Second-Rate City

In the days leading up to the Stanley Cup finals, we'll be flooded with comparisons between the Blackhawks and the Philadelphia Flyers. I'm going to leave that up to the pros and focus instead on the matchup that really matters: Which is the better city? After extensive research, I came to a completely unbiased conclusion. I give you the Top Ten Reasons Why Chicago is Better than Philadelphia.



#### 0ur women

I'd hate to be a Playboy talent scout in Philly. It'd be like dropping off a fisherman in the Sahara desert.

Our signature dish

Choosing a Philly cheesesteak over Chicago deep-dish would be like Brat Pitt leaving Angelina Jolie for Betty White.

8 Our celebs

There's no way we'll forgive them for Joey

Our location

I'd wager more people know Heidi Montag's new breast size than where Philadelphia is on a map.

6 Our statue Grown men getting teary-eyed over a statue of Sylvester Stallone is creepy, but completely acceptable if you replaced it with Michael Jordan.

**5** Our appeal

Outside of a broken bell and a few other attractions, visiting Philly ranks right up there with a getaway in Detroit.

The Hawks logo is iconic. I'd argue the Philadelphia cream cheese label means more to Philly than the Flyers logo.

3 Our respect

These fans once threw snowballs at Santa during an Eagles game. Talk about kicking karma in the junk.

Our fans

While Philly fathers teach their sons how to fire batteries from the upper deck, Chicagoans continue to worship sports the right way.

**Our history** 

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Bulls?

#### five on five

#### Be my guest

Matt Kuttan answered questions at redeyechicago.com/5on5. Matt appears here. Connect the dots.



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Deerfield Bulls team. Yep, I

still have the shorts.



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**Andrew Ladd** Is he or isn't he? Hurt, people. Get your minds out of the gutter.



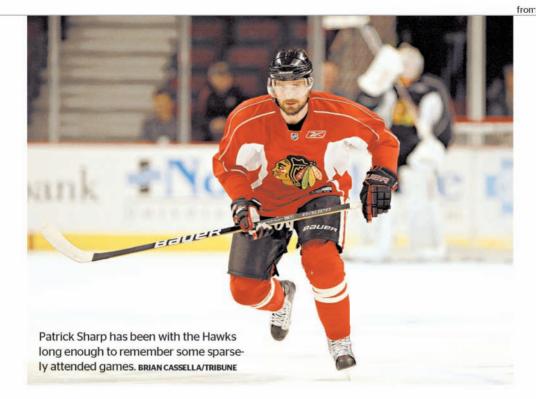
Savior of saves Church sign: "Jesus saves souls. Niemi saves goals.



@CoachQsMustache Funny, timely Twitter feed. And a damn good 'stache.



That's the ticket Hawks swamped with requests for finals tix. Roberto Luongo calling?



## Sharper image

#### Patrick Sharp relishes Blackhawks renaissance

On Dec. 7, 2005, history documents more than 15,000 people bought tickets for a Blackhawks game. Attendance history may be as inflated as a parade balloon. This also was Patrick Sharp's first night with the club, and as he fruitlessly scanned thousands of seats in search of a face, he fairly wondered exactly what he had gotten into.

Two days earlier, the first-place Flyers traded him to a Hawks team that would win 26 games all season. Sharp figured maybe 9,000 people actually witnessed his debut. So began a time when people would ask him what he did for a living, and he would say he played hockey in Chicago.

Often this was followed by: "For who?"

"Times definitely have changed," Sharp said Wednesday. "A little bit different than it is now, for sure."

Few Hawks will feel an acute satisfaction from this Stanley Cup finals run like Sharp. He was dispatched in that winter of discontent to a hollowed-out carcass of a franchise and didn't dare delude himself with hope of an expeditious turnaround.

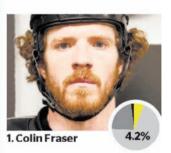
Then precisely that occurred. He is the third-leading scorer and alternate captain for an explosively popular team, exchanging anonymity for congratulatory handshakes from neighbors, facing the team that traded him for a trophy he wondered if he ever would get a chance to hoist.

"I never would have expected it to turn around so quickly," Sharp said. "It means a lot to everybody, but especially [Duncan Keith, Brent Seabrook] and myself who have been here through some pretty tough years.

"A lot of hard work from a lot of people and a huge turnaround. I challenge anyone to find a better place to play in the league right now than Chicago."

#### Blackhawks Colin Fraser and Andrew Ladd pit their play-

off beards against RedEve's Jimmy Greenfield and Alex Quigley's beards. Who's winning? Text "beard" followed by the number of your choice to 87708 or go to bit.lv/ heybeardman.







3. Jimmy Greenfield



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#### WHITE SOX 5, CLEVELAND 4

White Sox manager Ozzie Guillen likely faces discipline for blasting first base umpire Joe West after West ejected him and pitcher Mark Buehrle following balk calls in a 5-4 win at Cleveland.

#### L.A. DODGERS 8, CUBS 5

Tom Gorzelanny gave up seven runs (five earned) as the Dodgers beat the Cubs 8-5 on Wednesday at Wrigley Field. The Cubs also committed three errors.



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## nightlife

## Plot your summer dining and drinking adventures

This weekend marks the unofficial start of summer and—lucky us!—it looks like we'll have sunny weather to match. To guide your adventures in outdoor dining and drinking, we present our own Chicago summer version of the pastime adored by serious VFW Hall gamers and California Clipper regulars alike.

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Market



» The Orbit Room (2959 N. California Ave.) in Avondale has given its patio a tiki-style makeover.

at Big Star

- » After his May 28 performance at DePaul, Ludacris (left) is hosting an afterparty at Lakeview bar Uncle Fatty's Rum Resort (2833 N. Sheffield Ave.).
- » Downtown bar and grill Sweetwater (225 N. Michigan Ave.) has started serving weekend brunch.
- » Goose Island wants you to name its next brew. Find out more on chicagonow.com/chicago-brewhouse.
- » Four Corners Tavern Group's new Lakeview bar (opening in late summer at 2548 N. Southport Ave.) will be called Crossing.

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#### Nightcrawlers

Seen on the scene at ...

Kingsbury Hall, 1543 N. Kingsbury St.

We dropped by the-venue-formerly-known-as-Crobar, Kingsbury Hall, for the kick-off to the weekly Saturday party, the Vibe. Inside, the fashionable patrons did their part to add to the night's atmosphere. CRAIGSEYMOUR



Tracey Watts 43, sales manager What's with the bow?

I'm a girly-girl, and I love bows. **Do you shop at a special bow store?**Actually, the blouse is Ralph Lauren. **What's your most indulgent fashion purchase?** 

An Emilio Pucci coat. It's hot pink, brown, orange and green. It cost close to \$3,000. I call it a car.



#### Jon Fab 22, fashion designer

What took longer, your outfit or your hair? My outfit. Well, my hair. What's your best fashion advice?

Be yourself. Be creative. Have your own style. And don't care about what anybody else says.

What's a fashion don't? Plaid. Anything plaid. What should a guy never wear? Ed Hardy T-shirts.



Fallon Sowers 27, bartender/ student

What kind of animal print are you wearing? I would say it's a leopard. Perhaps a cheetah.

What's the most annoying thing a person can do to a bartender?
Asking me the price of every single drink that we have. It's really irritating. What's a decent tip on each drink?
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#### **LATE BAR**

\$4 Kir Royale cocktails; 3534 W. Belmont Ave. 773-267-5283.

#### **LINCOLN STATION**

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#### LOGAN **BAR AND GRILL**

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#### **MERKLE'S**

\$2 Miller and Coors bottles, \$3 Jack Daniel's cocktails, \$4 bombs, \$5 appetizers; 3516 N.Clark St. 773-244-1025

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## What about Kabob?

#### **Bv M. Kathleen Pratt**

As anyone who's ever had to watch their food budget knows, Middle Eastern fare is usually a good bet. It's unfailingly cheap, and it's never too hard to find in Chicago. Lately, it seems new falafel joints have been opening weekly.

With such a glut of hummus- and pita-slingers around town, we almost passed up newcomer Ameer Kabob, which opened in Noble Square in February with a garish sign and stripped-down dining room that didn't seem very welcoming. But that's the other thing about falafel and shawarma joints: The best ones often come with the least frills.

Once you're inside the little storefront, which is set up for efficient carryout and delivery service with a large rear counter that's open to the kitchen behind, the aromas from the grill hit you and you know you're on to something good.

Kabobs really are the specialty here, particularly the juicy kafta kabob, ground beef seasoned with onions, parsley, cumin, paprika, black pepper and other spices. It's available, like all of the meats, in a Lebanese wrap (\$4.99) or as an entree (\$7.99), served two-to-an-order with a few grilled veggies, pita and a generous portion of rice. For just a buck more, you can get a combo feast, which includes a shish kabob, a chicken kabob and a kafta kabob with all of the trimmings. If you can make it there between 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. on a weekday, the deal gets even better-it's just \$6.99.



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Vegetarians can feast on falafel sandwiches (\$3.99), falafel plates (\$7.99, served with baba ghanoush) or veg plates (\$7.99) stacked with hummus, tabouleh, falafel, dolma and baba ghanoush. Those last two are worth ordering for the baba ghanoush alone. It's heavier on tahini

than some versions, which smooths out the texture without overpowering the smoky eggplant. A small side (\$2.25), served with soft pita from Irving Park's Sanabel Bakery, feeds two or more comfortably as an appetizer.

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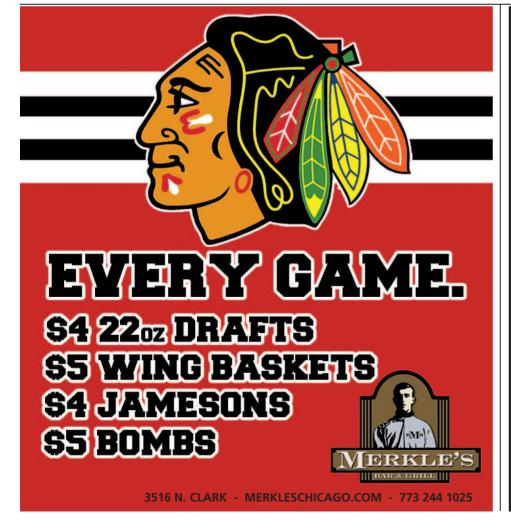
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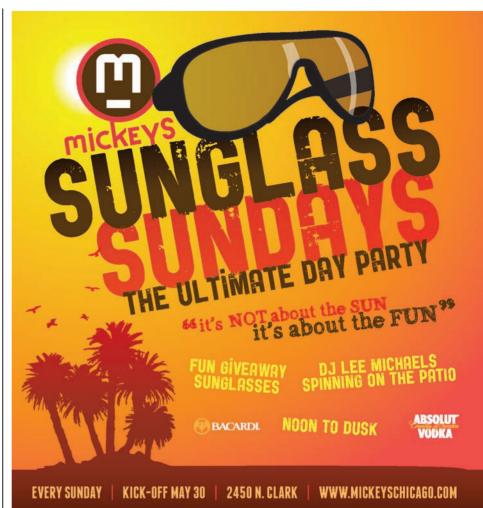
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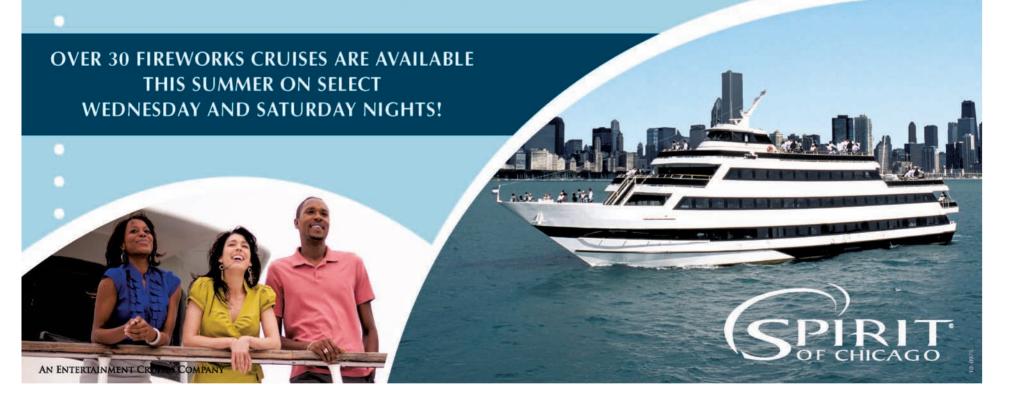
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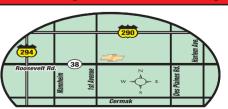


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9 p.m. \$10. Andv's Jazz Club. 11 E. Hubbard St. 312-642-6805.

#### **Stone Temple Pilots**

Self-titled, (Atlantic Records) I know, I know. Who cares about Stone Temple Pilots, right? "So '90s.

Uh, let's not be so condescending to the past. While many acts fail to maintain relevance over a couple of decades, STP makes a confident, rockin' return with this self-titled disc, the band's



first album of new material since 2001's "Shangri-La Dee Da." Don't think about singer Scott Weiland's time in Velvet Revolver or his well-documented substance abuse issues. When hearing the tight, poppy grooves of "Between the Lines" and "Cinnamon," you may realize you missed these guys more than you thought. And guitarist Dean DeLeo's furious, muscular attack on "Hazy Daze"? Hell yes. Rock rarely snarls like this anymore, and STP can still combine old-fashioned, balls-out attitude with actual songs that deserve to kick around in your head and make you wish you were alone to break out the air guitar without feeling self-conscious. The band occasionally misfires, like the forgettable "Peacoat" and the silly empowerment song "Dare if You Dare." Mostly "Stone Temple Pilots" feels focused and limber, with an interest in transparency as Weiland sings, "You're telling my story, but you don't know my name," in "Hickory Dichotomy." This is a solid pop-rock record packed with chemistry and swagger that gets in and out of 12 songs in just over 40 minutes. Welcome back, guys. -MATT PAIS

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## Santos blazes solo trail

#### **By Kent Green**

FOR REDEYE

Matthew Santos is ready to step into his own spotlight.

The Minneapolis native moved to Chicago in 2001 to study music at Columbia College, but he received a crash course in the music industry after singing the hook on local rapper Lupe Fiasco's hit "Superstar." Santos was swept into a worldwide tour and TV appearances.

He now is working to establish himself apart from his work with Fiasco, with his new album, "This Burning Ship of Fools," and his label, Love Sick Fool Records. Santos spoke with RedEye last fall about Fiasco and his current projects.

### What was it like going from presumably small success to massive festivals touring with Lupe?

It was at first a bit jarring. I had to set

myself aside and say, "All right, well how do I accentuate the show and make it that much better?" So I had to step into

**Matthew Santos** 

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a sort of, facade of the "Superstar" part. I had the Mohawk going, wearing the big glasses.

#### What can you take from that to performing now?

I guess I've stepped into a sense of being onstage and using that great energy of

thousands of viewers to really escalate the performance. I feel more comfortable. I'm not nervous anymore.

#### Do you have any aspirations in taking your new label beyond yourself, or would it only be a vehicle to manage your own work?

Best-case scenario, the album will sell 100,000 copies or we'll sell 100,000 songs, and we'll have enough money to only support ourselves, but eventually we can sign other artists. And that's ultimately what I

aspire to do, is find other artists who have similar visions or passions and through my success—or my hopeful success—take them on tour with me. Then they have a built-in audience that they can release their stuff to as well.

#### When you get a big boost from someone, is that difficult to get out from under?

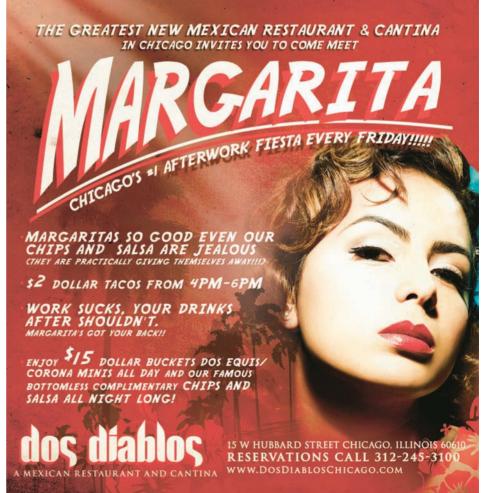
I don't know if people see it that way or not. People tend to just recognize the talent for what it is and honor that. So I rarely hear, "Oh, he's just the hook guy from Lupe Fiasco."

#### And, it's also maybe introduced you to new fans?

Right, exactly. So there's the residual traffic I've gotten through Lupe Fiasco's fan base, and alongside of that, there's this acoustic fan base who just loves the stripped-down, raw, acoustic music. ... That's what so beautiful about this whole situation. Beautiful music has the power to reach anyone who has the ears to hear it.







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Here's another take on how color combinations from nature can serve as guides when styling clothes from your closet. "Spring and summer are about having

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color in your

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Daman said.

iacquard shift

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Don't let the word "skinny" scare

you. Both Allard and Daman agree

that baggy pants sometimes can

make legs appear wider. Pants

with slimmer legs elongate and frame your natural silhouette.

Wrap a belt around your wrist

to make it a statement bracelet,

Allard suggests. Metallic skinny

belt, \$38, ninewest.com

If The CW's "Gossip Girl" were set in Chicago, what would Blair and Serena wear while

fashion

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plotting revenge and window shopping on Oak Street?

That's the question I asked "Gossip Girl" costume designer Eric Daman and Nine West creative director Fred Allard when they visited the Windy City this spring.

Of course, "Gossip Girl" fans tune in for the weekly drama. But the series also has become this generation's "Sex and the City" when it comes to fashion trendspotting via TV.

Daman, Allard and I put our fashionforward heads together and created a pair of signature Chicago ensembles that the "Gossip Girl" gals would wear if they traded Manhattan's Upper East Side for the Gold Coast. Daman created the show's signature style, and Allard is a Lady Gaga-loving, fashion design dynamo. During the two days I spent with him, Daman delighted every woman he met with an unmatched desire to help her look her best.

With pieces from a Nine West exclusive collection for Nordstrom, the duo took street style to a whole new level-making fashion statements out of Chicago sights from the Michigan Avenue tulips to Anish Kapour's "Cloud Gate" in Millennium Park.

Next time you need fashion inspiration, take it from Daman and Allard: Turn off the TV and go for a walk outside - at least until Season 4 of "Gossip Girl" starts in the fall.

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In addition to mixing colors, try varying textures too. Daman and Allard said. The subtle touches of

snakeskin.

patent leather and the embellished neckline on the dress shown above make the outfit exciting. Think of it as the Chicago skyline: the individual architectural contrasts create synergy in the big picture.

Neon skinny belt, \$28. ninewest.com



Barbie zip around clutch, \$39.99 nine west.com

The stacked wood heel, snakeskin print and Avatar-like blue shade of this pair of shoes are right on trend, Daman said. The bright shade of blue reminded Daman and Allard of Lake Michigan in the summer Diamante sandal, 89.95, Nordstrom

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- 12:40,1:10,2:40,3:10,3:50,5:10,5:40,6:10,7:40,8:10,8:45,10:10,10:40 **MacGruber** (R) ★ 11:50,2:15,4:50,7:10,9:50
- Shrek Forever After (PG) ★ 11:10,1:40,4:10,6:40,9:20 Just Wright (PG) ★ 11:20,1:50,4:30,7:20,10:00
- Letters to Juliet (PG) ★ 10:30,1:15,4:20,7:15,10:20 Robin Hood (PG-13) ★ 10:00,1:20,4:40,7:45,11:00

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- The Secret in Their Eyes (R) 7:35,10:35

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# Conthe town

Our city is awash in celebrities these days. Let's take a look at which TV and movie stars were here this week, what they were doing and which creative folks are on tap for a visit:



#### Thai one on

Jaden Smith and Jackie Chan, the stars of "The Karate Kid" reboot, were on hand Wednesday night for the Chicago premiere, but someone stole a bit of their thunder. Jaden's dad. Will Smith, bounded down the red carpet at the AMC River East. sending fans into a tizzy. Amid the hubbub, Chan was asked about a line in the movie in which Jaden's character's mom tells him that eating while standing up gives you gas. Chicagoans eat their hot dogs and Italian beef upright all the time, so what would Chan be eating during his stay in Chicago, and was he concerned about getting gas? Chan laughed. "No, no! I just ate some Thai food!'

#### They write AND speak!

Andy Richter and Conan O'Brien's writers will take the spotlight in a TBS special to be taped during a comedy festival in Chicago next month. TBS said Wednesday that the one-hour special, with the working title "Team Coco presents Conan's Writers Live," is scheduled to air June 27. The show will be taped June 17 at the Bank of America Theatre, 18 W. Monroe St. Richter will host. The show is part of the Just for Laughs festival, which runs June 15-19. Tickets for the "Team Coco" show go on sale Friday. AP

#### Of course they sang

"Glee" cast members liked their dinner at Hub 51 on Tuesday so much, six of them tweeted about it, including Harry Shum Jr., who needed several exclamation points to describe the experience. "Thank you @hub51 for the amazing dinner!!!!" he tweeted. "We had a great time and the food was BOMB!!!" Co-stars Cory Monteith, Amber Riley, Naya Rivera, Mark Salling, Chris Colfer, Heather Morris and Dijon Talton also were there. The cast ate chicken nachos. sushi, ceviche and areen chile cheeseburgers and sang happy birthday to Colfer (he turns 20 on Thursday) after the staff at the West **Hubbard** restaurant brought out carrot cake with sparklers. The party then moved downstairs to Sub 51. "Having a 'birthday week' means your friends whore you out at every chance for free cake," Colfer tweeted. "Thanks guys for a great night!" The cast was in town for the "Glee" concert tour.

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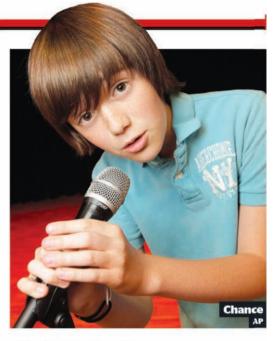




two-hour finale paying tribute to judge Simon Cowell, who is leaving the show to concentrate on a new Fox reality show. It seemed as though "Idol" tapped into Cowell's iPod playlist for its guest performances. Oldies Joe Cocker, Chicago, Bret Michaels, Alice Cooper, Michael McDonald, the Bee Gees, Hall & Oates - along with Janet Jackson, Christina Aguilera and Alanis Morissette — sang with this year's contestants.

**HOT DATE** 

JUNE 6 That's when Sandra Bullock will make her first awards-show appearance since the Jesse James scandal broke. The star will be the first woman to receive the MTVA start of the start will be the first woman. to receive the MTV Movie Awards' Generation Award, the channel reports.



#### Ellen's star search

Ellen DeGeneres would like to be a kingmaker. The talk-show host and "American Idol" judge has started her own record label, inspired by 12-year-old phenom Greyson Chance, the YouTube sensation. "Greyson... inspired me to start a record label called eleveneleven. He is my first artist, and we are making a record together," DeGeneres tells people.com.

#### As if we weren't 'Lost' enough

It turns out the scenes of plane wreckage at the end of "Lost" had no special meaning. ABC added the images, which included shots of Oceanic 815 on a deserted beach, as "a visual aid to allow the viewer to decompress before heading into the news," an ABC rep told the L.A. Times. Some fans thought the endcredits images meant no one survived the flight and everything during the past six years didn't happen.



#### **Identity theft**

Rihanna is in training. Rock star training. In her new video, "Rockstar 101," the "Umbrella" songstress fronts a band that includes Blink-182 drummer Travis Barker and goes through myriad costume changes, including blackface and chains. Rihanna even dresses as Slash, who performs on the track. "The video is way better with her being me than with me being me," the guitarist told mtv.com.

#### Artists boycott Arizona

Rage Against the Machine frontman Zack de la Rocha is calling on artists to boycott Arizona because of its tough new immigration law. Sonic Youth, Conor Oberst, Cypress Hill, Kanye West, Tenacious D, Massive Attack, and Calle 13 have joined the boycott known as The Sound Strike.